GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1159
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2006
COMPLETION OF WORKS ON NATIONAL CORRIDORS
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the works relating to completion of National Corridors have been sluggish or have been held up for want of acquisition of land in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the extent to which the works are lagging in each State and the reasons therefor;

(c) the cost overrun caused thereby; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite the works and to complete them within schedule?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): Despite constraints in acquisition of land, utility shifting, environment clearance etc. the works under National Highways Development Project(NHDP) Phase I, II & IIIA are in progress. The status of projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh is at Annex-I. The cost over run if any will be known after the completion of the projects.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to expedite the projects are at Annex-II.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1159 FOR ANSWER ON 2ND AUGUST, 2006 ASKED BY SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA REGARDING COMPLETION OF WORKS ON NATIONAL CORRIDORS.

Details of NHAI projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh (Status as on 30-06-2006)

Projects in Uttar Pradesh

Project	Total Length	Completed/4 laned	Under Impl.	Balance
GQ	754	556	199	0
NS	201	23	149	29
EW	653	52	601	0
Port Connectivity	0	0	0	0
Other	149	57	92	0
NHDP Ph. IIIA	266	0	199	67
NHDP Ph.IIIB	352	DPR is in progress		

Projects in Madhya Pradesh

Project	Total Length	Completed/4 laned	Under Impl.	Balance
GQ	0	0	0	0
NS	536	42	436	59
EW	118	0	118	0
Port Connectivity	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

NHDP Ph.IIIA 94 0 94 0
NHDP Ph.IIIB 707 398-DPR is in progress
309 - DPR bid is to be invited.

ANNEXURE-II

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STEPS TAKEN TO EXPEDITE THE PROJECTS

The following steps have been taken to ensure early completion of the project.

(a) The Contracts are regularly monitored at various levels such as by Supervision Consultant, Project Directors, Senior officers of NHAI. Progress reviews are also held at the level of Chairman, NHAI, Secretary, Department of Road Transport & Highways and Minister, Shipping Road Transport & Highways.

(b) State Governments have appointed Senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems associated with implementation of the NHDP such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/pollution/environment clearances etc. These nodal officers hold periodic meetings to review the projects and take action to resolve the problems.

(c) A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted under Cabinet Secretary to address inter-ministerial and Centre-State issues such as land acquisition, utility shifting, environment approvals, clearance of ROBs.

(d) The procedure for issue of Land Acquisition notifications has now been simplified.

(e) To expedite the construction of ROBs an officer of the Railways has been posted to NHAI to coordinate with Ministry of Railways. MOU has also been signed with M/s. IRCON for construction of some of the ROBs.

(f) Action has been taken against non performing contractors and they are not allowed to bid for future projects unless they improve the performance in existing contracts.

(g) Steps have been taken to improve cash flow problems of contractors by granting interest bearing discretionary advance at the request of contractor, release of retention money against bank guarantee of equal amount, deferment of recovery of advances (on interest basis) and relaxation in minimum IPC amount.